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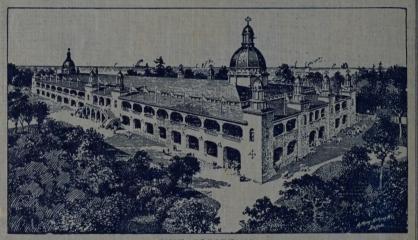
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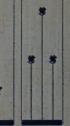
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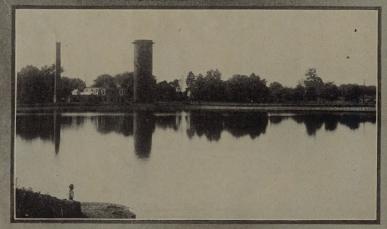
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HE Pilgrims were English "Separatists" who sailed from Delfshaven (in the Netherlands) in the May-flower and founded Plymouth Colony, New England, November 11, 1620. In 1630 they were followed by others of like faith and hopes, among whom was John Winthrop, bearing a royal commission as Governor of Massachusetts Colony. April 23, 1662, John Winthrop and eighteen associates received from Charles II., of England, the munificent grant of "All that part of our dominions in New England in America," * * * from "Narragansett Bay on the East to the South Sea on the West, with the islands thereto adjoining." The same year "The Solemn League and Covenant" for religious reforms and liberties in England, Scotland and Ireland was renounced and by order of King Charles declared illegal.

In 1685 Louis XIV., of France, revoked the "Edict of Nantes" the charter of Huguenot liberties. Those reactionary measures placed the brightest intellects of Europe at the mercy of bigotry and intolerance and drove the independent, brainy men of many faiths and nationalities to this new world to find and establish civil and religious liberty. The descendants of the composite race thus begotten, formed the finest body of creative statesmen since the days of "Moses the Lawgiver" and gave this country the proud title of "The Beacon Light of

Liberty."

In 1779, George III., in an effort to check and destroy this new spirit of liberty which was challenging the "Divine Right of Kings to Rule" sent Governor Tryon and Benedict Arnold with an army into Connecticut that destroyed Greenwich, Fairfield, Danbury, Ridgefield, Norwalk, New Haven, East

Haven, New London and Groton by fire.

September 13. 1786, Connecticut ceded to the United States for the benefit of herself and the twelve other states, all of the King Charles grant lying West of a line parallel to, and one hundred and twenty miles west, from the west line of Pennsylvania. (West boundaries of Huron and Erie counties.) The one hundred and twenty mile strip was reserved from that concession of Connecticut and has ever since been known as "The Western Reserve."

In 1792, the state of Connecticut, to reimburse those of her citizens who suffered loss by the Tryon-Benedict raid, dedicated five hundred thousand acres of land lying next to the west line of "The Western Reserve" (Huron and Eric counties, or Huron county as first organized). This grant to the fire sufferers is known as "The Firelands." Disputes arose between the grant-

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Thomas Comstock, of New Canaan, Connecticut, after the British raid, extended shelter and such assistance as he could to many of the Norwalk sufferers. To repay his kindness, Simeon Raymond and Gould Hoyt released to him their claims in the Firelands, aggregating L623-15S-3 1-2 P, which under the plan of distribution made Mr. Comstock the owner of lots No. 24 to 38 containing 1361 acres in the second section, and lots No. 50 to 56 containing 684 1-4 acres in the third section of Norwalk. In 1806, Nathan S. Comstock, son of Thomas, came on to look at and locate his father's lands but failed to find them. Early in the spring of 1809, bringing with him from Connecticut, Darius Ferris and Elijah Hoyt, he was more successful and found the land.

Milan was then Pequattiag, a Moravian Indian village. The Indians were very friendly and gave the pioneers the use of their mission house until they could build a home for themselves. This home was made of logs, with a "Puncheon" door; its roof of "Shakes"; its bedsteads were bunks made of poles driven into clefts between the logs; its mattresses of sacks stuffed with leaves and moss; its floor of mother earth; its cooking range a brass kettle hung on a pole supported on two crotched stakes; its window lights of greased paper. It was no palace, but rough and strong and made for service, like the strong-willed, iron-handed men who built it; it was a home, the first home of Norwalk. It stood a few rods northeast from the "Old State Road" brick schoolhouse, and near the remains of one of "Johnny Appleseed's" old apple trees and was the birthplace of Thomas Comstock, the first white child born in Norwalk, in August, 1812.

In returning to his old home after his family, in the fall of 1809, Nathan S. Comstock encountered such exposure as to impair his health and he never returned, but sold his possessions to Abijah, his brother, who made them his home in 1810. Abijah became the first county treasurer of Huron county. After he had collected the taxes, friends successfully importuned loans of money promising repayment in time for his settlement with the county commissioners. As is usual in such cases, they failed to make good. When confronted with his defalcation, he lost no time in returning to his old home, mortgaged all his Norwalk

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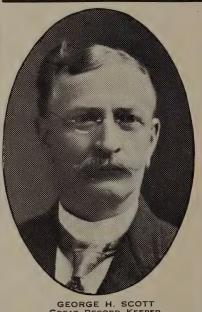
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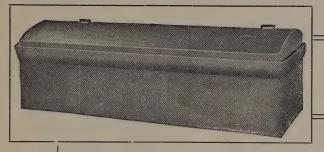


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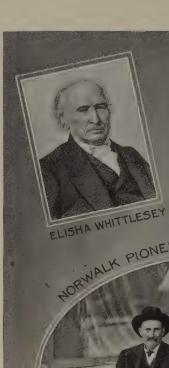
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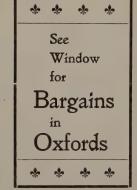
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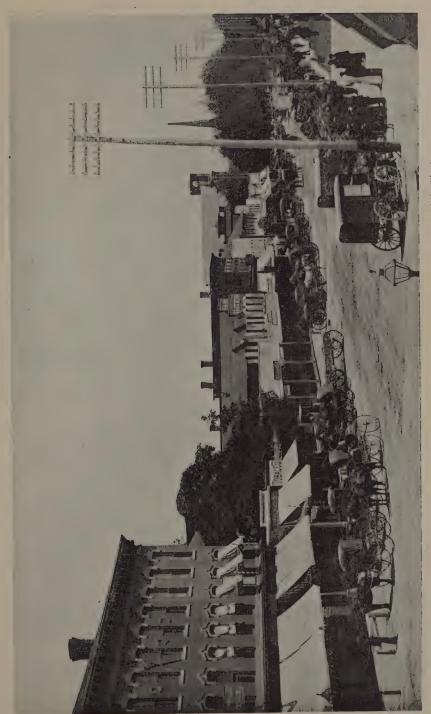
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MONDAY, JULY 19th SCHOOL DAY

PROF. JAS. E. COLE, Chairman

- 9:30 A. M. Reunion of Alumni, and for Students of High School, Norwalk Academy, and Norwalk Seminary; in High School Yard, East Main Street.

 SARAH E. DUNBAR, '61, Presiding.

 Address—By Hon. L. C. Laylin.
- 1:00 P. M. Marathon Race. Distance 4 miles. Limited to school boys of Huron County under 18 years of age. Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.
- 2:00 P. M. 100-yard Dash. Limited to school boys of Huron County, First Prize, Gold Medal; Second Prize, Silver Medal.
- 2:15 P. M. 200-yard Dash. Limited to school boys of Huron County. First Prize, Gold Medal; Second Prize, Silver Medal.
- 2:30 P. M. Shot-Put. 12 Pounds. Limited to members of Norwalk High School Alumni graduating previous to 1890. First Prize, Gold Medal; Second Prize, Silver Medal.
- 2:45 P. M. Broad Jump. Limited to members of Norwalk High School Alumni graduating previous to 1890. First Prize, Gold Medal; Second Prize, Silver Medal.
- 3:00 P. M. Alumni Base Ball Game.
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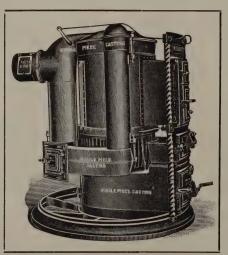
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Address—"Norwalk of Today"—Mr. Ed. L. Young. Address—"Norwalk of Tomorrow"—.....

TUESDAY, JULY 20th

FRATERNITY DAY

GEO. H. SCOTT, Chairman

- 9:00 A. M. Assembling of Societies, Manahan Grove, Benedict Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio.
- 10:00 A. M. Parade of all Fraternal Societies of Huron County, with Floats, Carriages and Decorated Vehicles.
 - 1:00 P. M. Public Program for One Hour and Thirty Minutes at Central High School Yard.

Address—Hon. Chas. E. Piper, Chicago, Ill., President of the National Fraternal Congress.

Address—Hon. F. W. Van Dusen, Norwalk, Ohio. Awarding of Prizes.

Open House at all Lodge Rooms following addresses.

- 2:00 P. M. Matinee Races at the Old Fair Grounds, Norwood Avenue. Ample street car service provided to and from grounds.
- Evening. Reunion of all former Norwalk Officials.

 C. P. VENUS, Chairman.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st

MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS' DAY

I. W. GOODELL, Chairman

- 10:00 A. M. Merchants' and Manufacturers' Parade. (Formation East Main and Garden Streets.)
 C. A. PAUL, Grand Marshal.
 - 1:30 P. M. Decorated Automobile Parade.

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3:00 P. M. Address by Hon. Judson Harmon, Governor of the State of Ohio.

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8:00 P. M. Cake Walk.

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FIRELANDS' DAY

HON. C. H. GALLUP. Chairman

10:00 A. M. Firelands' Exercises at the Gilger Theatre.

Invocation.

Music.

Introductory by the President, Hon. C. H. Gallup.

Roll Call of Members.

Reminiscences by Pioneers.

"History of Webb Settlement"-Prof. Ezra Webb.

Election of Officers of Firelands' Historical Society.

Recess 12:00 M. to 1:00 P. M. Bring your Basket. Picnic.

1:30 P. M. Music.

Address—"1809—One Century of Norwalk— 1909"—Hon. C. H. Gallup.

Address—"Local Historical Societies: Their Uses and Benefits"—Prof. A. S. Root.

Presentation of Relics to the Museum.

Reminiscences by Pioneer Descendants.

Song-"Auld Lang Syne."

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

ED. L. YOUNG, Chairman

Sunday School Program

- 9:00 A. M. Assembling of Delegations representing the Sunday Schools of Norwalk and Huron County, at Manahan Grove, Benedict Avenue, Norwalk, O.
- 10:00 A. M. Parade of Delegations, Classes, Floats, Carriages and Decorated Vehicles.
- 11:30 A. M. Basket Picnic Dinner.
 - 1:00 P. M. Program for One Hour and Thirty Minutes at Central High School Yard.

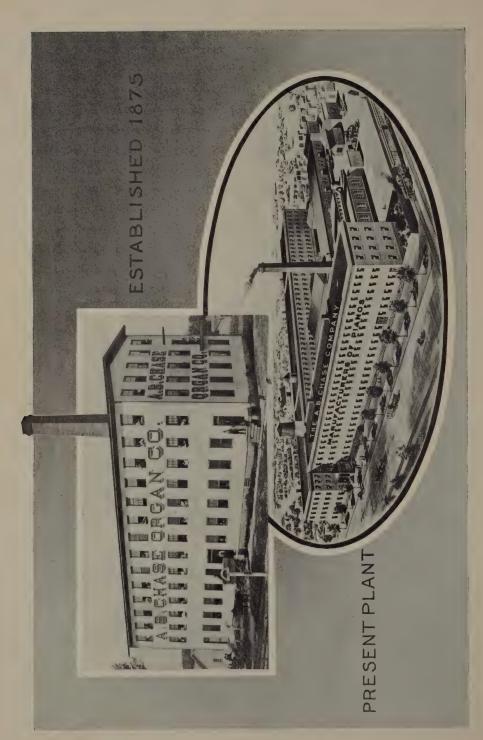
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Address—Rev. Dr. E. T. Hagerman, Des Moines, Iowa.

Awarding of Prizes.



FRIDAY, JULY 23d

GRAND ARMY AND MILITARY DAY

COL. JAS. H. SPRAGUE, Chairman CAPT. FORD H. LANING, Vice Chairman

1:00 P. M. Addresses at the Gilger Theatre.

Col. Jas. H. Sprague.

Gen. Chas. H. Newton, Dept. Commander Ohio G. A. R.

Gen. J. S. Rogers, Past Dept. Commander Ohio G. A. R.

Gen. I. F. Mack, Past Dept. Commander Ohio G. A. R.

Chaplain Haines, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Sandusky, Ohio.

3:30 P. M. Grand Army and Military Parade (Forming on West Main Street.)

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Alert Club.

3:45 P. M. Evening Dress Parade at Athletic Grounds, East Main Street, by Cavalry and Infantry.

7:00 P. M. Camp Fire at Gilger Theatre.

8:00 P. M. Masquerade Parade.

E. G. MARTIN, Esq., Chairman.

Cash Prizes.

SATURDAY, JULY 24th

10:00 A. M. Band Tournament.

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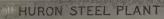
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NORWALK OF TODAY FROM A MIJNICIPAL STANDPOINT

By MAYOR C. P. VENUS.

HE City of Norwalk with a population of about 10,000 people surrounded by a rich agricultural county, with a conservative, intelligent population, is a surprisingly resourceful municipality and is abundantly able to care for its own under any and all circumstances.

Every municipality is judged somewhat by its municipal officers and their administration of its business.

Our Police and Fire Departments have always been maintained in such a manner, that for efficiency and high standard, they are recognized as among the best in any city regardless of size. And the fact that for nearly a score of years back, almost without exception, the city's tax rate has been the lowest of any of the municipal tax levies of the neighboring corporations, speaks for the business methods and judgment of other officers louder than any words here could.

The growth of the city is keeping pace with the demands of the day. Many new dwellings have been completed or are in process of construction, and right now the demand for houses to rent is at flood tide, and all modern dwellings offered for rent are immediately occupied.

During the past year, several new stores have been added, besides large additions to The Glass Block; a magnificent hotel, The Avalon, being finished to meet Norwalk's increasing commercial demands, and when completed this hostelry will be one of the finest between Cleveland and Toledo, a credit to its proprietors and to the Maple City.

The new Wheeling & Lake Erie Shops are today employing more men than ever before. The A. B. Chase Piano Co. and the Gallup-Ruffing Co. have constructed large additions to their plants.

Norwalk is planning and accomplishing for the future, by keeping pace with this steady increase in our business interests. We take a just pride in our water supply, which is wholesome and sufficient for double the present demands.

Norwalk has well underway a complete and perfect sewerage system, which includes a disposal plant. Forty thousand dollars was expended last year for new sewers, which are a part of the proposed plant.

City streets are covered with eleven miles of fine brick pavement, and quite a large amount of pavement is under way which will be completed before the end of 1909.

The credit for the wholesome condition of the municipality of Norwalk belongs to our splendid citizenship, in which we all claim a common share.

Our shipping facilities are of the best, having the main lines of the L. S. & M. S. and W. & L. E. Railways, and we are one of the largest traction line centers in the country, over one hundred and twenty-five Interurban Electric cars in and out of Norwalk every twenty-four hours.

Norwalk is an ideal place in which to make one's home. Its natural beauty and high standard of citizenship of which we boast makes an invitation to come to Norwalk almost irresistible to the business man, commercial traveler, mechanic or manufacturer, as well as the man who is able to retire and live out his days with most pleasant and agreeable surroundings.

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The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce

BY C. F. JACKSON, President

NSPIRED by the success of organized effort in the upbuilding of communities, the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1908 to strengthen and develop the interests of Norwalk and to bring more business to its commercial and industrial enterprises.

 \P Through its committees, the manufacturers, the retailers and the financial interests are equally represented.

(I It is the business of the Chamber of Commerce to develop co-

operation. Although its individual members may be competitors in certain lines, that does not prevent co-operation along lines of mutual interest, and so far, harmonious united effort of members and committees has prevailed.

It is the purpose of this organization to assist in securing new industries for Norwalk, not by bonuses, but by showing Norwalk's superior advantages, that



it is the best location economically for certain lines of manufacture when a superior degree of intelligence, sobriety and thrift is required of its laborers.

(The Chamber of Commerce believes that it is the duty of influential men of this community to study the signs of the times—to assume the responsibility of the solutions of problems of the day—to devote their energies to the commercial, civic, social and esthetic development of the city—to have as their aim the Ideal Norwalk.

At our recent banquet, this sentiment was fittingly expressed by Mr. Ed. L. Young in the following very appropriate toast:

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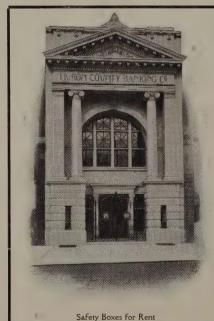
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By COL. JAS. H. SPRAGUE, President of the Sprague Umbrella Co. (The Canopy Autocrat).

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Our shipping facilities are good. The great Lake Shore & Michigan Southern with its branches and connections, the Wheeling & Lake Erie, with its different connecting roads, together with the Lake Shore Electric Package Company running in all necessary directions, and the four great Express Companies reaching out to all parts of the world, make Norwalk all that could be desired as a shipping point to all parts of the

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Our banks are all that could be desired, with plenty of money at reasonable rates for responsible parties. We make the best Player Pianos, and Upright and Grand Pianos that can be produced. Our other industries are abreast of the times, such as fine grill work, etc. Our stores are large and well managed. We have a nice Theatre and enough churches to please the ultra religionist. Nearly every Lodge and Society in America is represented by a good large membership in Norwalk. There is nothing that a Company seeking a first class location to do business cannot find in abundance in Norwalk, and when you retire and are arranging to depart to that undiscovered Country, you will find the Pearly Gates are situated in close proximity to Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, U. S. A.

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Historical Sketch of Huron County.

By F. O. RONK, County Auditor.

URON County, Ohio, was organized in 1815 and embraced all the territory now included in Huron and Erie Counties, having an area of 500,000 acres. The first session of the County Commissioners was held August 1, 1815, at David Abbott's, the county seat then being at Avery or in Wheatborough Township near Milan. The first county commissioners were Caleb Palmer, Chas. Parker and Eli S. Barnum. The first county treasurer was Abijah Comstock.

Previous to 1816, the nearest postoffice was Huron. In that year Dr. Joseph Pierce was appointed postmaster and a postoffice established at Norwalk in the Benjamin Newcome house located on what is now known as the Asher Cole farm south of the old water works. The county seat was transferred to Norwalk in 1818. The voting population in 1818 was fifty-six. The first tax duplicate which included the territory now embraced by Huron and Erie Counties was \$192.40. Huron County was divided into Huron and Erie Counties in 1838. From this primitive beginning, Huron County has grown to be one of the wealthiest and most progressive counties of the state. Her present population is now about 35,000 with a tax duplicate of \$546,572.

Sixty miles of modern stone and gravel roads have been constructed and this mileage is being added to rapidly. Nine steam railroads cross the county, several of them having large shops located in this county, bringing their taxable value up to \$2,548,137. Three electric railroads come within the county, with a taxable value of \$191,632. Sixteen substantial banks enjoy the confidence of our citizens who have deposits therein amounting to \$5,000,000.

The old Court House which was built in 1818 was located on the same ground as the present Court House. It was rebuilt in 1873 and was thoroughly remodeled in 1908. The old Jail, which was built in 1819, occupied the same ground on which the Taber Block stands.

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In the Museum of the Firelands Historical Society may be seen a catalogue of the officers and students of Norwalk Academy under date of March 17, 1829. Trustees: Platt Benedict, President, Timothy Baker, Deverett Bradley, William Gallup, Henry Buckingham, Thaddeus B. Sturgess, Obadiah Jenney. John Kennan, Principal. Nathan G. Sherman, Levina Lindsey, Assistants.

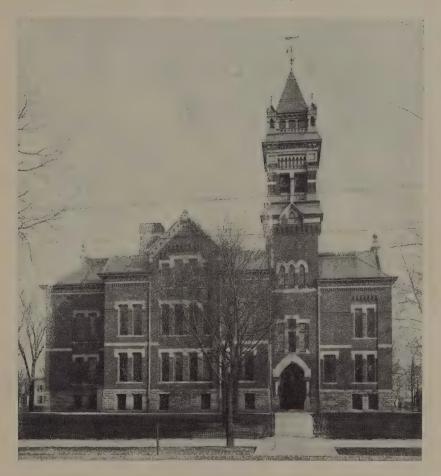
NORWALK SEMINARY

On the eleventh of November, 1833, the Norwalk Seminary was opened in the Academy Building under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. Jenathan E. Chaplin as principal. The seminary burned February 26, 1836; was rebuilt in 1838, and closed in January, 1846, and the whole property sold under execution in favor of the builders. Reopened as Norwalk Institute in August, 1846, under the auspices of the Baptists of Norwalk.

NORWALK INSTITUTE

Rev. Jeremiah Hall was the first principal of the "Institute," and was succeeded by A. S. Hutchins, who continued as principal until 1855, when the institute ceased to exist by reason of the Akron School Law providing for graded public schools.

NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL



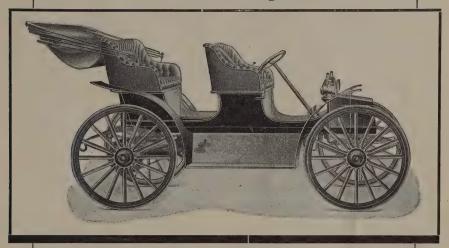
In March, 1855, the school board purchased the brick building occupied by the Norwalk Institute, to be used as a Central and High School building for the district. The purchase price was \$3,500.00, which embraced the entire square occupied by the present beautiful high school building, a small library and some apparatus. In 1884 the Central School Building was erected at a cost of about \$60,000.00. The first graduate of the high school was Sarah E. Wilkinson in 1861. The largest class graduated is the class of 1905 numbering 18 young men and 16 young women. In all, 231 young men and 395 young women have been graduated from the Norwalk High School.



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CHURCH HISTORICAL

THE FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

By MR. L. L. DOUD.

In 1823 the First Methodist Society was organized with seven members. Preaching services and Sunday School were held in Joseph Wilson's house, which stood on the southwest corner of East Main and Prospect Streets.

The first church building was erected in 1833-34, on Seminary Street, and is still used for church services by the Evangelical Lutheran Society. The second church building was erected in 1855-56, on the corner of West Main Street and Benedict Avenue, and was occupied until May 1, 1893, when this property was sold to the C. F. Jackson Co., who built what is now known as the Glass Block on the site.

The Society then held its church services in Whittlesey Hall, across the street, until the Sunday School room of the present church building was ready for occupancy, February 14, 1897. Here the services were held until the main auditorium was completed and the church finally dedicated, June 22, 1902.

The church records now, in 1909, show a membership of 630 enrolled, with about 500 in the Sunday School. The records on High alone can tell how many souls have been saved through this Church, and finally garnered in Heaven, during the past eighty-six years.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

By MR. BYRON HANFORD.

On September 20, 1818, four men and one woman joined in a conference that January, 1819, became the present Baptist Church of Norwalk. It numbered fourteen members. A Scotch minister preached from the words "Fear not little flock," etc.

Asahel Morse was first Clerk, and Lemuel Raymond the first Deacon, and the earliest settled pastor in 1821 to 1824 was John Rigdon. Services were first held in a log schoolhouse on land now owned by heirs of Sidney Brown, Ridgefield Township. The present location was contracted for January, 1835, and the first edifice dedicated June, 1836, while the present one was dedicated March, 1880. The organization has had twenty-two pastors in its ninety years' existence. The late Otis G. Carter was the earliest Sunday School Superintendent and the present church membership is about 400.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By MR. F. C. WICKHAM.

Of Norwalk was organized in 1830, nearly eighty years ago. In this time it has had but eight pastors. The first person to be ordained as its regular pastor was Rev. Alfred Newton, D. D., who served his church for thirty-five years with a steadfast purpose that during his time and in after years brought forth rich fruitage. Retiring from service on account of the infirmity of years, he was made pastor emeritus carrying with him to his grave the love and esteem of not only his own church people but of the entire community in which he so long resided. He was succeeded by Rev. Henry H. Rice, a young and zealous pastor, and he by the following named pastors: Rev. James D. Williamson, Rev. J. M. Seymour, Rev. Dr. W. A. Broadhurst, Rev. W. D. Atkinson, Rev. H. S. Forrer and Rev. A. J. Funnell, the latter having been called in the spring of 1909.

The church has a live, working membership of three hundred or more and with it a prosperous and growing Sabbath Sc!ool.

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NEW EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION



OLD EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND BENEDICT CHAPEL

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

By REV. ARTHUR DUMPER.

The earliest record of this Parish, a little faded bit of paper now preserved in the Firelands Historical Rooms, is dated January 20, 1821, at Norwalk. It declares that a meeting for organizing an Episcopal Church was presided over by Platt Benedict, Esq., and that William Gardner was elected clerk. The following gentlemen thereupon enrolled themselves as members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Platt Benedict, Luke Keeler, Amos Woodward, William Gardner, Ami Keeler, Wm. Woodward, Gurdon Woodward, Ezra Sprague, Enos Gilbert, John Keeler, John Boalt, Samuel Sparrow. Asa Sanford, Henry Hurlbut, E. Lane, William Gallup, D. Gibbs and Moses Sowers. The parish was organized under the name, St. Paul's.

In the year 1818 the first public religious service in Norwalk was conducted in the log shanty of Platt Benedict. It consisted of the service of the Episcopal Church together with the reading of a sermon by a layman. Two years later this congregation was holding services

regularly every Lord's Day in the Court House.

The old church building now standing in the rear of the new church was erected in 1835; and enlarged first in the rectorship of E. Winthrop and again, in the incumbency of the late Rev. Royal Balcom. The first service of the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. Roger Searle, February 17, 1822. The first annual parish meeting was held on Easter Monday, 1821. The first Episcopal visitation was that of Bishop Philander Chase, the founder of Kenyon College, on Sunday, August 14, 1825.

The succession of ministers who have served the parish is as follows: The Rev. Roger Searle, the Rev. C. P. Rronson, the Rev. John P. Bausman, the Rev. Ephraim Punderson, the Rev. Anson Clarke, the Rev. J. J. Okill, the Rev. Alvon Guion, the Rev. Sabin Hough, the Rev. Edward Winthrop, the Rev. George W. Watson, the Rev. Henry Tullidge, the Rev. William Newton, the Rev. H. H. Morrell, the Rev. Royal B. Balcom, the Rev. Charles S. Aves and the Rev. Arthur Dumper.

Splendid laymen and women, an illustrious line beginning with Platt Benedict, have been and still are identified with St. Paul's Church; names prominent and influential in the founding and upbuilding of the city; men and women whose labors and virtues live

fruitfully after them.

The present Rector of the parish is the Rev. Arthur Dumper who began his labors here in 1903. In the last few years Benedict Chapel has been enlarged and its interior remodeled for parish house purposes. The cornerstone of the new church, a stately Gothic structure of stone, was laid on the fifteenth of November, 1908. It will have a seating capacity of 450, and exclusive of furnishings and memorial gifts will cost about \$50,000. The following gentlemen at present compose the Vestry: Robert Rood, Senior Warden; William Himberger, Junior Warden; Willis H. Peters, Clerk; John Strutton, Treasurer; John Gardiner, Henry S. Mitchell, Malcolm Patrick, B. C. Taber, Dr. L. H. McDonald, B. B. Wood, J. H. Williams, H. H. Marsh. There are 382 communicants of the church, and 165 enrolled in the Sunday School. The work of the church is largely centered in the following organizations: The Choir, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Parish Guild, the Altar Guild, the Girls' Friendly Society, the Knights of King Arthur, the Junior Auxiliary, and St. Margaret's Guild. The church is in a flourishing condition with bright prospects for the future.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

By MR. L. L. SNOOK.

The First Congregational Church of Norwalk, Ohio, was organized at the Court House in Norwalk, December 19, 1867, under the labors of Rev. A. S. Walsh. The number of original members was fifty-four, mostly drawn from the old Congregational Church of Bronson Township, which was thereby disbanded.

For more than three years the infant church was without a sanctuary. A part of this time it worshiped in the Court House, and during the remainder was the guest of its sisters, the Protestant Episcopal and Baptist Churches, whose hospitality deserves kind remembrance. In 1868 the old hotel known as the Gauff House (standing where the church now stands), was purchased, and thither the prayer meeting, previously held at private houses, was removed. Many a hallowed hour, now tenderly remembered, was passed in those rooms, formerly the scene of drunken revels. Here also the Sunday School was organized.

The new church was completed early in 1871 and dedicated February 2nd of that year. The cost of the building and lot was about \$16,000.00. Several thousand dollars debt remained after the dedication, which proved a heavy and almost insupportable burden for many years. At last, in October, 1878, with the aid of Mr. Edward Kimball, the entire amount was subscribed, and by May 1, 1880, the last dollar was paid and the church has since been free from debt.

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

By Mr. H. S. CLAPP.

The Universalist Church of Norwalk, Ohio, was organized on the third Sunday in January, 1869, with twenty-seven members. A little more than a year before this time, Dr. H. L. Canfield, who was then preaching in Peru, began holding services in Norwalk where he thought there was an opportunity to establish a church. From such beginnings, small in every way except the faith and courage of Dr. Canfield, has grown the Universalist Church of Norwalk. In April, 1868, a Sunday School was organized with four scholars which was increased to fifty in less than a year.

Among the twenty-seven charter members of the church are the names of such well known old time residents of Norwalk as William A. Mack, Frederick Sears, Samuel Wilkinson, Aro D. Clapp, George Gauff, Sterry Cole, Addison Sigōurney, Sarah E. Dunbar and Catherine E. Rose. The first officers of the church were Frederick Sears, William A. Mack, A. D. Clapp, D. A. Baker and Frederick Wickham, trustees. Rev. H. L. Canfield, moderator. A. B. Hannaford, clerk. Mrs. Hiram Rose, treasurer. W. A. Mack and S. Wilkinson, deacons.

When the church was fairly established, steps were taken to build a church edifice but it was not until December, 1872, that the church was completed. On Sunday, December 8th, it was formally dedicated. Since that time, we will let the work of the church speak for itself.

ST. PETER'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

By REV. H. G. SUTTER.

Congregation organized in January, 1901, by Rev. W. F. Rose, and served by him until Easter, 1902. From then until Easter, 1907, it was served by Rev. O. T. F. Tressel. From December, 1907, until now, by Rev. H. G. Sutter. Church property purchased and remodeled in 1902.



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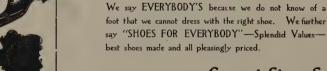
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

By REV. P. J. QUINN.

St. Mary's Congregation was organized in the summer of 1856 and its first pastor was Rev. Narcissus Ponchell. Prior to Easter Sunday, 1859, when Mass was said for the first time in the newly completed church of St. Mary, corner of Milan and St. Mary streets, the English speaking Catholics of Norwalk and vicinity chose to worship in St. Alphonsus Church, Peru, and later in old St. Peter's, Norwalk. The founding of St. Mary's was a great help to Catholics in Norwalk. It put the faith and practices of Catholics in a clearer light. The language of the country was spoken from its pulpit and those outside its fold, whom chance or impulse brought to attend the services, usually went away with a clearer conception of the motives and practices of his fellow Catholic citizens.

The congregation grew and prospered until it became necessary to build a larger edifice. A new site was chosen at the corner of State and League Streets, which is today graced by one of the most beautiful church edifices in Norwalk. Adjacent to the church stands the new stone parsonage, a type of Norwalk's recent handsome and substantial residences. A Parochial School and Sisters' house

also adorn the property.

The pastors who served St. Mary's have been deservedly popular with all classes in Norwalk, being held in high esteem for their piety, prudence, and ability. The following clergymen served at the altar of St. Mary's: Rev. Narcissus Ponchell, 1860; Rev. John Quinn, 1864; Rt. Rev. T. P. Thorp, 1868; Rev. T. F. Hally, 1884; Rev. C. V. Cheveraux, 1897; Rev. Jas. J. Quinn, 1900; Rev. Francis Malloy, 1903; Rev. P. J. Quinn, present Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

By REV. JOHN A. SCHAFFELD.

The pioneers in the religious field in the territory now called Huron County, Ohio, of which our beautiful city, Norwalk, is the county seat, were the early French missionary priests. These men, well versed not only in the science of religion, but also in the difficult art of topography, thoroughly explored the immense regions of the Great Lakes.

The Huron Indians had attracted the attention of the French priests at Quebec. This tribe was then located a few miles below the site of the present city of Detroit. From Quebec, missionaries were sent out to them, but effected little owing to the roving disposition of this tribe. This roving disposition accounts for the name of our county. For, dissatisfied with their hunting grounds at Detroit, a large part of the tribe pushed along the southern shore of Lake Erie and located at Sandusky Bay, which name owes its origin to the Huron Indian word, "Ootsandooske," meaning, "there the water is pure." From the bay they spread to the south into what now constitutes our county—hence the name, Huron County.

The French missionaries followed the Indians in this migration, and worked zealously among them. Their Journals state that this particular tribe was of very unsteady habits, being much inclined to intemperance and other excesses. The Rev. Father Potier and the Rev. Father Dela Richardie took charge of the Huron mission. Both of these priests labored in what is now Huron County, and where Norwalk now stands. The first christian religious service held in this

territory was held by Father Potier, in 1749, who in that year began his regular visits to the Indians of this county.

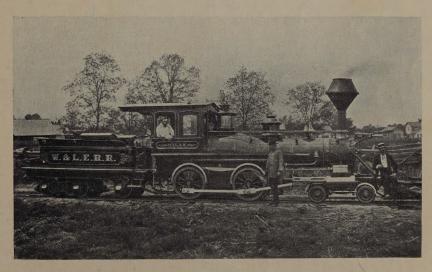
From this decidedly humble beginning, the present large and prosperous St. Paul's Church and congregation have gradually developed. Three churches they built, only in turn to find them too small for their ever increasing numbers. Old St. Peter's, at the west end of Main Street, built 1840; New St. Peter's, on Hester Street, built 1868; Old St. Paul's, at the corner of Wooster and Monroe Streets, built in 1876. Finding that ever their third. built in 1876. Finding that even their third building would no longer answer the demands made upon it by the ever growing congregation, it was decided to build a monumental building amply large for the future. The result of that determination is the new St. Paul's, the noble, beautiful structure of white limestone and Lake Superior red stone that now graces the corner of Main and Wooster Streets. Nor is this all. Urged on by the conviction that education can never be real education unless it educates the heart as well as the mind; that education, divorced from religion, is incomplete; that the child must be trained in his duties towards God, his country, his parents and his neighbors as thoroughly and as well as in the three R's, this congregation has from the very beginning, built and maintained splendid Parochial schools, ever since the year 1858. present school is the pride of the parish. From it, many of Norwalk's noblest men and grandest women have graduated. Not only are all the ordinary common school branches taught, but thorough, practical instruction is also given in the commercial branches, bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting. Added to this, there is an art department, in which drawing, painting in oil and water colors, crayon and pastel work are taught. A complete course in needlework, plain and ornamental, has been established for the girls. The Sisters of Notre Dame, who enjoy a very high reputation as teachers, have charge of St. Paul's School. The art exhibitions of this school, held annually, are noted for their lavish display of truly artistic work. The number of pupils is 325.



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